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CONCORD, NH – Citing his efforts to protect Medicare for current and future retirees and his support for preserving the doctor-patient relationship, Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) was honored with the 2012 "Standing Up for America's Seniors" award this afternoon by RetireSafe, a nonpartisan organization that represents more than 400,000 seniors nationwide.

Local Pharmacist Charlie Fanaras, Kaitlyn Smith of Heritage Case Management, a company that provides case management for the elderly and disabled, and Richard Weiss, a RetireSafe board member, presented the award to Bass at a ceremony in his Concord Office earlier today.

Bass said:

"Ensuring seniors have access to the benefits they have earned has always been a top priority of mine. Programs like Medicare and Social Security are facing significant challenges, and doing nothing to preserve and protect these programs for current and future retirees is not and cannot be an option. That's why I have supported proposals that will deliver the benefits promised to and earned by today's seniors and will preserve these programs for future generations.

"I am truly humbled to be honored with this award and will continue to work on bipartisan solutions that preserve seniors' health care benefits and protect the doctor-patient relationship. I will continue to be a voice for New Hampshire seniors in Congress."

RetireSafe presented Bass with today's award for his leadership in protecting Medicare, his support for ensuring access to affordable prescription medicines for seniors through the Medicare Part D program, his commitment to preserving the doctor-patient relationship by opposing cuts to Medicare and by supporting the repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) under the new health care law, and his efforts to work directly with seniors to provide information about benefits and resources available to constituents.

"Seniors have a true friend and leader in Congressman Bass, who is always fighting for a strong Medicare, affordable medicines, and preserving health care choices. He has definitely earned this award and deserves our thanks," said Thair Phillips, President of RetireSafe.

RetireSafe is a nonprofit, nonpartisan grassroots organization that advocates and educates on behalf of America's seniors on issues regarding Social Security, Medicare, health and financial well-being.

